



Health Literacy Resources and Links

AMA video “Low Health Literacy: You Can't Tell By Looking”: <http://classes.kumc.edu/general/amaliteracy/>

Adult Literacy Resources, by area: http://slincs.coe.utk.edu/about_literacy/facts_statistics/literacy_facts_statistics.html

Current Bibliographies in Medicine 2004 – 1: Understanding Health Literacy and its Barriers.
www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/cbm/healthliteracybarriers.html#top

Directory of national and state literacy contacts: <http://www.nifl.gov/NSDirectory/alabama.htm>

AMA Foundation: Order the foundation’s Health Literacy Educational Kit. www.amafoundation.org

Association of Health Literacy with Diabetes Outcomes. Dean Schillinger, et al., *Journal of the American Medical Association*, vol. 288, no. 4, July 2002. <http://jama.ama-assn.org/cgi/search>

Council of State Governments: Results of the councils 2002, national survey to determine state officials’ awareness of health literacy as an issue and to identify state laws, rules or programs that assist individuals with low health literacy. www.csg.org

Doak, et al, *Teaching Patients with Low Literacy Skills*. 2nd ed. Philadelphia: JB Lippencott, 1996.

Harvard University National Center for the Study of Adult Learning and Literacy (NCSALL): “In Plain Language” video is available to medical and public health professionals. www.hsph.harvard.edu/healthliteracy

Health Literacy: A Prescription to End Confusion published by the Institute of Medicine April 8, 2004.
<http://www.iom.edu/report.asp?id=19723>

“Helping Your Patients Understand” health literacy video: <http://classes.kumc.edu/general/amaliteracy/>

The National Institute for Literacy: supports efforts to improve the quality of health literacy programs www.nifl.gov

Literacy Problems and Designing Easy-to-Read Patient Materials: www.malt.cmich.edu/healthlit.htm

Medicalese -English Translator: Plain English translations for 500 examples of medical jargon www.linda-andrews.com/medicalese_translator.htm

Partnership for Clear Health Communication: a web-based calculator to determine the percentage of your patient base that is likely to have health literacy problems. www.pfizerhealthliteracy.com/calculator.html, a new **Ask Me 3 Presentation Tool Kit:** www.askme3.org/PFCHC/ and, the **Pfizer Principles for Clear Health Communication Handbook** in PDF format at www.pfizerhealthliteracy.com/improving.html.

ProLiteracy Worldwide sponsors educational programs that help adults and their families acquire the literacy practices needed to function more effectively in their daily lives. www.proliteracy.org. The annual report, **A Global Commitment to Literacy**, may be viewed at <http://proliteracy.org/downloads/ProLiteracyWorldwideAnnualReport02-03.pdf>.

SMOG Readability Formula: a recommended and tested method for grading the readability of written materials. The method is quick, simple to use and particularly useful for shorter materials. <http://www.cdc.gov/od/ads/smog.htm>

TOFHLA: Ref: Baker, D. W., Williams, M. V., Parker, R. M., Gazmararian, J. A. and Nurss, J. R. (1999) Development of a brief test to measure functional health literacy. *Patient Education and Counseling*, 38, 33–42.;
<http://education.gsu.edu/csal/site/function1.htm>; “;

REALM: Ref: Davis TC, Long SW, Jackson RH, et al. *Rapid estimate of adult literacy in medicine: a shortened screening instrument*. *Fam Med* 1993;25:391-5.

Additional resources and links are located in the library of the Medical Home-Health Literacy CD